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In the Application of:  
Chen, et al.

Serial No.: 10/058,466

Filed: January 28, 2002

For: Method and Medium for Detecting  
Vancomycin-Resistant Enterococcus

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P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

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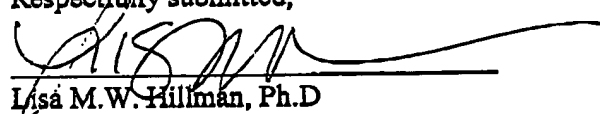
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Respectfully submitted,



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Dear Sir:

The Office has asserted that several of the references submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement on March 1, 2004 were illegible. Applicants have attached legible copies of the references along with a PTO Form 1449. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the form and return the form to Applicants. A fee was paid when these references were submitted on March 1, 2004. Therefore, it is believed that no additional fee is due; however, if a fee is due the Commissioner is authorized to charge our deposit account number 13-2490.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc).**

	1.	Morris, "VRE: Are We Losing the Battle?", <i>Infectious Disease Alert</i> , 14:189-190 (1995)
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